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25,000 Small Business Operators in the ACT: ABS

There were 25,000 small business operators in the ACT last June and two-thirds of them worked from home, according to analysis released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

More than two-thirds (68% or 17,000) of these operators were men.

More than half (54%) of all small business operators in the ACT were aged between 30-50 (up from 49% in June 2003). A further 34% were over 50 years and 13% were under 30 years.

The ACT matched the national average with most (44%) small business operators working 35-50 hours in June 2004.

Male small business operators were more likely to work full-time than part-time (77% and 23% respectively). The reverse was true for female small business operators who worked part-time more than full-time (66% and 34% respectively).

ACT small businesses use of computers (77%) and access to the internet (72%) was greater than small businesses in any other state or territory.

Further details are available in **ACT Stats: Characteristics of a Small Business** (cat. no. 1344.0.8.55.001).

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